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## CHINA.

*Plague at Hongkong January 1 to September 1, 1900.*

MANILA, P. I., September 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your information some data relative to the present plague epidemic in Hongkong that is now fast subsiding.

During the first three months of the year the situation was very encouraging, and there were some indications that the city would escape a severe epidemic. However, the disease commenced to markedly increase during the month of April, the epidemic continuing to spread during May, and reached its height in June.

A study of the weekly statistics submitted shows that the number of cases diminished considerably toward the end of July and during August, and at the date of writing are comparatively few.

The course of this epidemic has been similar to the preceding ones, the number of cases slowly and gradually increasing for a limited period, then assuming graver proportions when the rains commenced, and rapidly declining on the advent of the fall season.

The statistics below give the information pertinent to this subject.

*Return showing the number of cases of bubonic plague reported as occurring in Hongkong from January 1, 1900, to September 1, 1900.*

Week ended.	Cases.	Deaths.	Week ended.	Cases.	Deaths.
1900.					
January 4.....	1	1	May 12.....	59	56
January 13.....	2	2	May 19.....	96	86
January 20.....	1	1	May 26.....	89	82
January 27.....	1	1	June 2.....	81	75
February 3.....	5	3	June 9.....	70	64
February 10.....	2	3	June 16.....	74	64
February 17.....	2	1	June 23.....	63	57
February 24.....	0	1	June 30.....	99	98
March 3.....	2	2	July 7.....	65	68
March 10.....	0	0	July 14.....	57	58
March 17.....	0	0	July 21.....	43	44
March 24.....	0	0	July 28.....	33	34
March 31.....	4	4	August 4.....	22	22
April 7.....	6	6	August 11.....	29	28
April 14.....	20	19	August 18.....	26	26
April 21.....	21	16	August 25.....	9	9
April 28.....	33	28	Total.....	1,049	991
May 5.....	34	32			

Respectfully,

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## COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, September 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended September 29, 1900, the following-named ships were inspected, clearing for ports in the United States; September 25, steamship *Ethelwold*, British; Henshaw, master; crew, 23; no passengers; for Baltimore, Md. September 27, schooner *Royalist*, British; Whitney, master; crew, 6; no